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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9725

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 8400

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (BUTZ, EARL)

SUBJ: VISIT BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO
CAIRO AND DAMASCUS

REF: STATE 232739

1. WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FIRM UP SECRETARY BUTZ'
SCHEDULE FOR CAIRO UNTIL AFTER SERIES OF UPCOMING
JWG MEETINGS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO END NOVEMBER 5. IN
DEVELOPING SCHEDULE, WE WILL BEAR IN MIND SECRETARY'S
WISHESE SET FORTH PARA 4 REFTTEL. GIVEN DISTANCES INVOLVED
AND MUSEUM HOURS, THIS VIRTUALLY EXCLUDES ANY OFFICIAL
SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY.

2. AMBASSADOR ADVISED PRESIDENT'S CHEF DE CABINET OF
THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSED VISIT AND SUGGESTED THAT, IF
CONVENIENT TO THE PRESIDENT, A CALL ON HIM MIGHT BE
APPROPRIATE. SINCE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS STAFF ARE
TOTOALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH RABAT SUMMIT, WE AGREED
THAT TIME FOR SUCH A MEETING WILL BE DISCUSSED CLOSER
TO THE DATES OF THE SECCYARY'S ARRIVAL. HOWEVER, AS
IT NOW STANDS, A COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT WILL
BE INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE.

3. PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ARRANGED AS REQUESTED.
NO SIMULTANESOUS TRANSLATION NEEDED. AS REPORTED
CAIRO 8359, MINAG AKHER YESTERDAY REGRETTED HIS
INABILITY TO RETURN TO CAIRO FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT
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BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS ABROAD. HE IS NOT

AVAILABLE THESE NEXT TWO DAYS, BUT WE WILL ADVISE HIM OF THE SECRETARY'S OFFER TO HAVE HIM TRAVEL ON LATTER'S USG AIRCRAFT FROM ROME TO CAIRO IS HE IS ABLE CHANGE HIS SCHEDULE. SHOULD HE BE ABLE TO DO SO, WE WILL SO INDICATE.

4. PLEASED TO HEAR THAT SECRETARY BUTZ WILL , WHILE IN ROME, INVITE DR. AKHER TO MAKE RETURN VISIT TO US. DURING AMBASSADOR'S RECENT TALK WITH HIM, IT BECAME CLEAR AKHER KNEW ABOUT INVITATION EXTENDED TO HIS PREDECESSOR AND OBLIQUELY ASKED ABOUT IT. AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED INVITATION HAD EARLIER BEEN EXTENDED TO ZAKI AND THAT WE LOOKED FORWARD AT SOME POINT TO HAVING AKHER VISIT US, BUT HAD CONCLUDED HE WOULD NEED SOME TIME IN HIS NEW POSITION BEFORE WANTING TO VISIT ABROAD (CAIRO 7556). AKHER READILY AGREED, INDICATING HE HE WOULD IN ANY CASE RATHER VISIT US IN THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR. THAT IS WHERE MATTER STANDS.

5. WE ATTEMPTING OBTAIN REQUIRED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT OF SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY.
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